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COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

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REMOVAL OF RESTRICTIONS ON EXPORT OF ONION AND COTTON
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the quantitative restriction on export of onion and cotton has been removed;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) if not, whether the Government are considering to remove quantitative restriction on export of onion and cotton;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY)

(a) to (e) : Restrictions on export of cotton have been removed w.e.f. 2.7.2001. However, restrictions on export of onion continue to remain. For the current year (2002-2003) 7 lakh metric tons of onion have been released for export. All such exports are to take place through State Trading Enterprises.

However, the export of Bangalore Rose variety onion and Krishnapuram onion is not subject to any quantitative ceilings, though such export is also to be carried out by State Trading Enterprises.

Policy in respect of export, including that of onion and rose onion, is reviewed from time to time.